

- Appln. No. 10/725,255
- Amd. dated July 2, 2004
- Reply to Office Action of April 20, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 5-9 currently appear in this application. The Office Action of April 20, 2004, has been carefully studied. These claims define novel and unobvious subject matter under Sections 102 and 103 of 35 U.S.C., and therefore should be allowed. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration, entry of the present amendment, and formal allowance of the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 4 (and claim 3 from which claim 4 depends). As all of the remaining claims depend ultimately from claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are now allowable.

Art Rejections

Claims 1, 3 and 5-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jansons et al.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. The limitations of claim 4 have been incorporated in claim 1.

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Since claim 4 was allowable, it is believed that claim 1, and all claims dependent therefrom, is allowable.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jansons et al. in view of Swapp.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 1, from which claim 2 depends, has now been amended to contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, it is believed that this rejection has been overcome.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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